Venerable Mr. Claus Says Men From Front Shall Have Best in His Pack.

MANY PARTIES ARE GIVEN

Entertainments and Dinners by Various Organizations for Service Men.

Some weeks ago the venerable Mr. Claus stood on the doorstep of his steam heated and electric lighted igloo en the outskirts of Upernivik, conversing with his assistant, Peterkin. Mr. Claus was perplexed. He looked southward over the world and pulled his long beard reflectively.

"We must do our very best this year, Peterkin," he said, and there was a gentle smile in his eyes. "I was be-ginning to fear they had almost formerely sad. And now they want us so hadly, it is to be a wonder Christmas,

Peterkin. A merry jingle came from around behind his dancing reindeer and threw sack after sack over with a laugh.
"Look at 'em, Mr. Claus, just look

at 'em," he said, and the old man with handful and glanced at them.

"Ah, Belgium." he said. "Little Albert. He hasn't had a good Christmas in four years. They tore down his stocking last year and threw it at him. I remember how he cried. I must take Rheims they lived, Peterkin. Oh, ho! he doesn't want anything but an American locomotive. He shall have it, shan't he, Peterkin? He says an American has promised to teach him how to run it. What children these Americans are:

Germany on Probation.

"And see this from England, Peterhin, and from Italy and-aff, little Marie wants her daddy back again." The old man paused and looked out over the world again. "Yes, we must our best this year."

"But the soldiers, Mr. Claus—they seem not to ask for themselves, but for others. We must not forget them." "No. Peterkin, and there are se many, so many of them. It would be hard if they were not all children, too I will have to hurry a bit faster to see them all and stop for a minute in the hospitals, Peterkin. Children, and sol dlers with the hearts of children! It will be a merry Christmas, won't it

"And Germany," ventured Peterkin. The old man's face grew grave and he looked south a long time before he

"I don't know," he said slowly. "They seem to have misunderstood me and what I mean to the world. Even children grew old too soon and forgot me. But I think, I think, Peterkin, that some day they will come back to me-the ones who are ve-ry little children now."

Mr. Claus?" said Peterkin. "Yos, my boy," said the old man.

Stocking for Each One.

kindly old gentleman with so many duties that he was happier than he had been in years stopped for a moment in the ward of every soldier's Foerster, had turned into the Comphospital and while they slept shook troller's department cash for 109,000 each man by the hand. And when they woke this morning they found that division had made a cash accounting Mr. Claus had left a stocking with a Red Cross on it that was crammed bers, but this is probably less than 50 with things.

two packages of chewing gum, a pack not reported, but at headquarters a of playing cards, candy, two packages spokesman said their total would be of cigarettes, a small folding mirror. more than 50,000. a cake of soap, tooth paste and a pair his choice of a jackknife (just to show canvassing, would put 3,500 members how right Santa Claus was about the on the roll. She has 2,644 names tabsoldier being a youngster at heart), a ulated, and more are to be added up. pipe, a leather cigarette case or a case for papers and money. A pair of Red Cross socks, with oranges, figs and holly, will complete the stocking. And any reports yet, except in two or three as for dinner, why, there is not a thing divisions. Only one leader in the midagent for S. Claus) has overlooked mate of the result of her labors. This from turkey to pudding.

The Salvation Army, whose applied Christianity with sleeves rolled up in Harriman, has been canvassing the the application, has won the heart of small shops, factories and offices beevery doughboy in France, is taking tween Fourteenth and Fifty-ninth care of every single fellow it can streets and Lexington and Seventh Abroad they will make 50,000 men feel that the next best thing to ported. Mrs. Morris Aron, has, with Christmas at home is Christmas near

Many Parties in City.

The Rocky Mountain Club, whose clinner to soldiers and salters has been names, and once by a recenvass of an Every child was given a bag contain- with the Food Administration in the s Thanksgiving and Christmas feast worth while since the war started, will members.

The National League for Women's Service is giving an entertainment and won't be finished before then. The equal to the onslaught. He gave each souri attent two weeks are and paid dance at the Saliers Soldiers and Ma.

went the finished before then. The equal to the onslaught. He gave each souri attent two weeks are and paid dance at the Saliers. Soldiers and Ma. ines Club, 261 Madison avenue, every right this week, so that all men 5,000,000 in 1917. leave will have a chance to celebrate. The league will give other din. Holds Bronz Gas Co. Violates Law, and toys and books. And there was that the Missouri wenture was de ers and theatre parties, and to-day ;

refreshments. One of the unique parties of the day will be in the Sev-enty-first Regiment Armory this Thernoon, when relatives of the men or fought with the Seventy-seventh through the courts. trivialen will give a big party for the There will be one of the aggest trees ever put up indoors and

and there will be other masses through the morning, until the pontifical mass

BIG DAY TO SOLDIERS POOR SLEDDING HERE POLICE PLAY SANTA FOR SANTA CLAUS AND ALL CHILDREN Faint Hope for Snow Held Out by Prophets.

New York seldom has seen a Christmas Eve with so few symptoms of the crisp spirit that tradition has affixed to the date as the dripping town presented last night. Youngsters with visions of new sleds bestowed by Santa Claus may have wondered how they were going sledding in the general es and how any reinde sleigh of the regulation pattern were going to get anywhere without snow

It surely was an H2O day and night, and, if the prophets have hit it right, it is going to be a very damp Christmas Day, in the beginning thereof anyhow.

The transit of a cyclone born in Texas on Monday across the country to the west and north of this latitude was the chief cause of the atmospheric slump in Christmas feeling. Out in Illinois there was a heavy snowfall to give the landscape the proper Christmas tinge and the inner spirit of the

young folks the frosty jubilation. For these boroughs the spirit of prophecy held only a dim hope of a change for the better. Perhaps the rain may turn to snow in the after-noon and perhaps the temperature will drop to the point that will inspire gotten how to be young, afraid they folks to stick out their chests and re had forgotten us. But they were mark that after all the day was not

FUN IN STOCK EXCHANGE.

the corner and the mail man swept up Members Prolic, Band Plays and

Employees Get Bonus. On the stroke of 3 o'clock yesterday em," he said, and the old man with afternoon 400 members of the Consoli-youngest heart in the world took a dated Stock Exchange suddenly became boys and began dancing about the floor as a band concealed in an antercom blared forth a welcome to the beginning of the Christmas holt-

The festivities continued for an hour I remember how he cried. I must all business being suspended. Every good care of Albert this year. And all business being suspended. Every ittle Jacques and his sister—near employee of the exchange received a Christmas bonus in the form of two weeks salary.

12,000 Dinners for the Poor.

Supplies to furnish Christmas dinners for more than 12,000 poor families were distributed from the Slxty-ninth gan forming outside the building as early as 3 A.M. Mrs. William Randolph Hearst went to the armory in Christmas doll.

ENROLLMENT IN CITY

Estimated Total Far in Advance of 1918 Which Had Only 284,340.

bership of more than 400,000 in the

are as yet incomplete. the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men, women and children

Up to noon yesterday the booth committee, headed by Mrs. Paul dollar memberships. The industrial representing more than 75,000 memper cent. of what the final tabulation There were five Christmas cards, will be. The Police Department has

> Mrs. John Purroy Mitchel estimated The soldier also will have that the hospitals, which she has been

The Democratic and Republican parties, which had fifteen hundred workers out for enrolments, under the all tled up with ribbons and homes division, have not turned in which the Red Cross (local detail land division has completed an estidivision, under Mrs. Charles Cary Rumsey, daughter of the late E. H. Bingen on the Rhine with a Salvation members in the district between Fifth gorgeous tree at the East 104th street these were unfit for human food beher helpers, enrolled more than 5,000 and Twenty-second streets. The night of the block party they secured 500 actors performed for the little ones, say that nature hasn't played fair

given in the Little Theatre to-night, the bill would not reach that amount the commission, which is 12 cents a royally." kilowatt hour, was in effect an imposition of a higher and unauthorized rate. were entertained and received pres-if the company does not drop its ents at the West 100th street station the close of the Christmas dinner buy-

Every church in the city has special patient at the Roosevelt Hospital for assisted in making things gladsome. Capt. Duggan, in a long white heard mass was the special feature of the day at his home in Oyster Bay. The and a red coat, gave the girls pack—a pound less than at Thanksgiving. Cases reported yesterday or the constitution of the day at his home in Oyster Bay. The and a red coat, gave the girls pack—a pound less than at Thanksgiving. Catholic services this morning. In St. Colonel, who is suffering from inflamlatrick's mass was said at midnight matory rheumatism, has responded so while the boys had woollen sets and and the wholesale price was influenced. The Bronz. satisfactorily to treatment that his while the boys had woollen sets and and the wholesale price was influenced physicians believe he will be able to playthings. the morning, until the pontifical mass physicians believe he will be about take up his usual work again in about the West 135th street station, 690 at public."

TO POOR CHILDREN

Thousands of Little Ones Get Food, Clothing and Toys From Cops.

TREES AT ALL STATIONS Unusual Distress in Many

Quarters, Due to Influenza Ravages.

the Twenty-sixth street police pre- beat their mothers breasts like little cinct was a youngster he considered a savages because of hunger."

of pure meanness. Deducing from this that boys and ways realize that the policeman is the child's best friend—which, take it from Cap McKinney, he is—this officer takes peculiar delight in playing Santa Claus to the little ones of the poor and overcrowded tenements around Wes Forty-seventh street.

"Maybe these young ones will look back on this Christmas later on and think that the cops aren't so badhe mused yesterday as he gazed down the line, which reached from the station house at West Fortyseventh street more than a block both ways, of mothers and children waiting for the gifts that were to be handed out to them.

Bluccoats as Santas.

All over the city at the various sta tion houses brawny bluecoats were doing their level best to be Santas for those who otherwise wouldn't have any Yuletide joy. Cap McKinney's party was one of the largest, so large Regiment Armory yesterday by the to play with. Four thousand five hun-Christmass fund of the New York dred coats, dresses, caps, mufflers and Christmas fund of the New York dred coats, dresses, caps, muners and a ten day fity.

American. Although the distribution sweaters were distributed, and 1,250 ity.

Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting distributed in the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting distributed in the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting distributed in the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting distributed in the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting distributed in the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting distributed in the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting distributed in the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting distributed in the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting the pairs of shoes, which Lieut, Burns of Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting the pairs of the pai

the afternoon and personally handed grinned Capt. McKinney. "Why, be-done the most insane act" of which gut directed his son to see to it that each mother, or every little girl, a cause for weeks our patrolmen have the doctor ever had heard. Along fitted to do tailoring for every poor go to an institution where he could child in the district."

With the help of Lieut. Fry-who upstairs, and every child who came ing branches.

Greens Decorate Room

Greens were festooned all about the place, even over the desk to which of Kinley. fenders against the law are haled for American Red Cross next year. So justice. The whole force of officers they were not connected at the time much is now know as the result of the spent every off minute dolling up that with the newspaper in which the al-"It will be a good world, won't it, Christmas Roll Call, which closed at old station house, and two patrolmen leged statements were made and that midnight Monday, though the returns week spent three days of this vacation of Columbus helping with the presents. After the Thus 1919 already is considerably festival was over and the last guest MAYOR'S PASSENGER SECRET. So that is how it happened that last right there was a scampering over the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of this wise old city and a show 284 340 men women and children to construct the roofs of the roofs o duty at a party last night. But the

a little help from time to time. shop windows if it hadn't been for Lafayette and Spring streets.

More than 2,500 children were the to pass Christmas at home guests of Capt. Patrick J. Cray at the East Eighty-eighth street station, and NINETEEN TONS OF each one received a basket in which At the East 126th street station Capt. John Novle made a host of children welcome with a tazz band and dancing and vaudeville turns from a neartheatre. Then there were presen for 300 families.

104th Street Celebrates.

and Seventh avenues and Eighteenth station, while a band played carols cause they were "struck green" as the office building they enroled 300 new ing a cap, stockings, fruit and candy, food conservation game, as the warm

Capt. Brady and his force presided.

Five thousand children swarmed to Men in the poultry business are give a dinner to 1,000 service men in Brooklyn reports a total so far of Five thousand children swarmed to) Men in the poultry business are in Baltimore, so that he could go the Hotel Astor.

Brooklyn reports a total so far of Five thousand children swarmed to) Men in the poultry business are in Baltimore, so that he could go abroad to collect it. until Saturday night, for the counting street, but Capt. Frank Tierney was the bis packers who went into Misprobably be 22,000,000 in 1919, against bundle was as big as the tot who re- farm. At that time it was known that celved it. Wonderful things were in the packers had put 5,000,000 pounds those bundles, shoes and hats, cands in cold storage, and it was suspected The Public Service Commission ap-chestra played, and small Heles mas bird. Fresh turkeys, however,

when 100 of them will be present. The under the maximum rate permitted by Charles M. Schwab and others aided than at Thanksgiving.

the West 152d street station, 2,250 at the Elizabeth street station and 400 MAYOR OF SECOND at the Morrisania street station were at the Morrisania street station were given a good time and presents, use-ful and otherwise. Deputy Commissioner Ellen J. Grady, with her daughter, made a round of the precincts and watched the children and their mothers receiv-AVENUE IN HOSPITAL

ing gifts. Afterward she said she had never realised that there was so much "I saw children in line with the rain

Steingut in Bellevue.

shoes, and their clothes thin and ragged," she said. "Yes, we hear of good times and big wages, but there is nuch poverty. The influenza account for some of it; many families have been deprived of the bread winner The high price of food comes hard on the poor. One of my women who has been investigating the milk situation told me that nursing babes were so starved, because the mother's mill When Capt. Charles H. McKinney of wasn't nourishing, that they would

soaking in the holes in their little

poverty in New York.

The districts where there were the policeman a being completely devoid most poor children in line for the gifts of human attributes. He looked on of the police were richest in service the cop as a perpetual grouch, who went around arresting people just out Twenty-sixth precinct has nearly 300 stars, some of them gold ones.

GETS HIS LIBERTY

Sentence Suspended When Wife Promises to Care for Radical Found Sane.

Ellis O. Jones, the radical, who hoped to turn the United States sysem of government upside down, go off with a suspension of sentence when arraigned Monday before Magistrate Ten Eyck in West Side Court on a charge of disorderly conduct. Jones was the leader of the scheme ion radicals take hold of the Government at a demonstration set for Cen

to have anywhere from one to a millthat it had to start Monday and spread trail Park on the afternoon of Decemout over two days. All in all more ber 13, which happened to be a Fri than 4,000 packages were given out day also. But it rained that day, and and every child had something to instead of becoming famous as the wear, something to eat and something man who overthrew the Governmen

the Police Reserves, who used to make rector of Bellevue, wrote a letter to shoes, got for the Cap at reduced rates. the Magistrate in which he said Jones "How did we know they'd fit?" was same enough, but that "he had been weeding out the deserving cases, with the letter Magistrate Ten Eyck taking names for cards of application had the word of Mrs. Jones that her that it had been his custom to make for Christmas gifts, and every name husband had suffered from a nervous be continued. The distribution was for Christmas gifts, and every name husband had suffered from a nervous of a child they got they'd take the breakdown and that if he was dissizes for shoes dress or suit, coat, cap charged she would see to it that the last night. and everything. This station house is leader of the near revolution would

Jones and his brother denied vighas three sons in the army, two of orously yesterday statements credited authorities a Christmas check in apthem wounded in France—a Christmas to Chief of Police Carter at the time preciation. tree was set up in a large dormitory Jones was arrested here and which were to the effect that the Jones had the bliss of gazing at the glitter- brothers had been driven out of Co- for more than thirty years and deep lumbus. Ohio, as a result of statements made in a newspaper with became known that he was laid up which they were connected just after For the greater part of those thirty the assassination of President Mc

The Jones brothers said yesterday who are entitled to vacations this neither of them ever "were driven out

place was cleaned out as to gifts, ex- Joseph Eppse, who described himself porter and resident of the neighborcent for some cans of fruit and vege- as a special investigator of the Police hood, called him a har. All that haptables, which Capt, McKinney says he Department, simply wouldn't tell Mag- pened to Mandinski was the expecis going to do up in nice packages and istrate Cobb in the traffic court yes, tious obliteration of his features when bestow on folk whom he knows need terday who the "gray haired gentlemar." he was driving in Mayor Hylan's to the attack. Lieut. John Tinker of the East limousine last Sunday evening was Sixty-seventh street station came Eppse appeared to testify against home from his vacation, at the request, Harry Kaplan, a chauffour of 252 Hart of the force, to be Santa Claus for street, Brooklyn, charged with turning 1,000 children who wouldn't have had without a signal. Kaplan's car crashed any Christmas except looking in the into the one belonging to the Mayor at

him. After every boy and girl had! The mysterious passenger was unbeen made happy with an armful of injured, although the rear panel of the presents there was music and dancing Helan automobile was smashed. Paaround the big illuminated tree set up troimen C'Hara, the Mayor's brother in the reserve room, Capt. James Wall, in-law, asked the court to be lement. in command of the station, was there, so Knolan was only fined \$10 and sent and Inspector Frank Morris paid a to the Tombs for a day, being released wisit, too.

were candles, crackers, toys and dolls. TURKEYS CONDEMNED

Birds to Spoil.

One thousand three hundred chil- American bird began to arrive for Max Grifenhagen took office Steindren gathered-in batches-around a Christmas. Inspectors declared that gut turned in his badge along with and the Police Glee Club sang and result of being overheated. Receivers

results of the club there will be a tree and a proved yesterday an opinion of Chairpresent for every man in the service man Hubbell that the Bronx Gas and who is there. The War Camp Comprovided dozens of munity Service has provided dozens of maximum charge of \$1 a

The Funic Service Commission and chestra played, and small fields may bird. Fresh tursely, the continued to come to New York in sonated Mrs. Vernon Castle, and a pleasant time was had by all.

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Eight hundred and fifty children at sands and thousands of dollars to the Richmond

Admirers, Going to Offer Birthday Felicitations, Find

Throat and Tongue Trouble at 68.

Around one of those high and narof Second avenue, philanthropist, ex-Deputy Sheriff, near lawyer and nearer politician and general benefactor of his people.

It was only yesterday, on the occasion of the sixty-third birthday of the First Citizen of Second avenue, when a delegation of friends journeyed uptown to his office at 47 West Fortysecond street, that they learned that the object of their attentions was seriously ill in Bellevue with an affection of the tongue and throat.

The hospital authorities were immediately communicated with and it was learned that "Mayor" Steingut was not so ill but that he could see his friends, and that furthermore, althat would lack in cordiality nothing that could be done by any Mayor New York ever had.

Christmas Baskets for Poor.

The delegation went straightway to he hospital. In the group, which was accompanied by the "Mayor's" son, rwin, were Representatives Christy Sullivan and Henry Goldfogle, former Coroner Solomon Goldenkranz, Dr. Meyer Wolff, Joe Levy, Duke of Essex street, and Isaac Hirschorn.

Arrangements were made tmmediately for the formal reception to-day, and at the same time "Mayor" Steinthe usual distribution of Christmas baskets to the poor of Second avenue made accordingly at Hirschorn's cafe

Not only that, but "Mayor" Steingut expressed himself so pleased with the treatment he was getting at Bellevue that he directed his son to give the

Simon Steingut has been a nent figure in the life of the East Side was the concern yesterday when it years it has been his friends' custom to call upon him in his home, 82 Sec ond avenue, on Christmas Eve to felicitate him on his birthday and wish "Mayor" Steingut's friends were re-

him the compliments of the season. calling yesterday occasions when outsiders threatened his supremacy as ie leader of Democratic thought th Second avenue. For thirty years he held undisputed sway and it wasn't 1. That a condition of excessive prices the "Mayor's" audience rose -n masse

Detailed During Celebration.

Then again, after he had been elected "Mayor" for the upplieth fime. and when Isaac Hirschorn was tendering a complimentary blowout at the Cafe Boulevard, "Mayor" Steingut suffered the second greatest humiliation of his life. He had honored his admirers. y arraying himself in a new open face dress sult that he admitted cost Somebody shredded of the coat tails when Simon wasn't looking and the incident nearly caused a factional

"Mayor" Steingut aspired to public office, and in 1998 was figuring on a place in the Tenement House Departhe went to examine a gas leak in the nome of his old friend, the late Sheriff. fullus Harburger, and during his in-Warm Weather Causes the spection of the leak cracked open au

automatic cigar lighter. What imprened blew all the Tene Approximately 38,000 pounds of ment House Department aspiration turkers have been condemned by the out of the "Mayor." Sheriff Harburger Department of Health since the great named him a deputy, but when Sheriff lot more of Sheriff Julius's appointees The "Mayor's" boast of his chief contribution to the welfare of the country was that he passed up a third interest in a legacy by his father in 1912, because he would neglect his duty as a delegate to abroad to collect it.

DELAY IN REPORTS SHOWS GAIN IN GRIP

Influenza Cases Number 288; Pneumonia 67.

The customary increase was shown unity Service has provided dozens of a maximum charge of \$1 a mount for service. The war Camp Company violates the law in fixing a maximum charge of \$1 a mount for service. The war Camp Company violates the law in fixing a maximum charge of \$1 a mount for service. The customary increase was snown men in the trade say, found no ready in new influenza and pneumonia cases mount for service has provided dozens of this district sumers demarded from turkeys and by the report of the Health Departicent to this affair. Capt. The had no difficulty in getting them at ment yesterday. Dr. Royal's Copeland. ney said. "Cleveland H. Dodge and prices which were far more reasonable Health Commissioner, said this was State of New York have joined the due to physicians delaying their Sun-P. Q. Foy, the market reporter, said day reports until late Monday after-

> harge steps will be taken to enjoin it with Capt. John Doyle in charge, and ing. Very few butchers, he said, were ported yesterday, against 141 on Monthe same number were the guests of left with turkeys on their hands, here day. Deaths totalled 61 from this homecoming troops. At a meeting of 1 hors, here and ther are Capt. William Duggan at the East cause of the active demand up to the cause, 29 more than the previous day. Cases reported yesterday by bor-

KEPPEL MAY PROBE Y. M. C. A. CHARGES

Baker Assistant Asked by Dr. Mott to Investigate Specific Complaints.

PLAN RECEPTION TO-DAY WHAT CHAPLAIN FOUND

Ex-Deputy Sheriff Victim of Edrop Reports on Inquiry That Covered Six General Accusations.

As a result of repeated complaints of row beds in Ward M-4 of Bellevue overcharges in the canteens of the Y. Hospital a combined Christmas and M. C. A. in France an investigation by birthday celebration is scheduled to be the War Department of such comstaged to-day that will be redolent of plaints as are specific will be asked. all the folk lone of the East Side. The This announcement was made yesterrecipient will be Simon Steingut, Mayor day by Dr. John R. Mott, chief executive of the Y. M. C. A., after a report on the matter had been submitted to him by Chaplain P. T. Edrop, a member of the organization.

> Dr. Mott said that those complaints which were specific in character would be forwarded to Third Assistant Secretary of War Frederick P. Keppel with the request that an investigation be instituted through the Inspector-General's Department. Dr. Mott said:

"We want to know all our shortcomings, both of omission and commission, so that as far as possible they may be corrected. If we aren't delivering the goods after the way the people of this country have supported us then we ought to be made to do so. though he might not be able to make and that can be done. If I have been El Valle, Galveston. a speech, he would hold a reception inefficient I ought to be removed. If

removed."

Six Complaints General.

In his report to Dr. Mott Chaplain

Edgen said that he had interviewed a large said that he had th In his report to Dr. Mott Chaplain Edrop said that he had interviewed a Merantic Liverpool 11 60 A M Tunica, Azores 8 M A M Winnebaro, Rio 9 50 A M Advaroc, Cristobal 12 2 P M Ranenfjord, Buenos Ayres 10 00 A M great many returned soldiers in an effort to determine the specific nature of their grievances, and that while any such investigation as he was able to make must of necessity be onesided he was able to summarize the complaints under the following six general heads:

Baltic, Liverpool ...
Niagara, Bordeaux.
Clan MacMaster. Cape
Town
Nexico, Havana
Coamo, San Juan
Times, Para
Atristia, Jamaica. I. That in certain sectors the canteen charges were excessive. 2. Lack of supplies for free distribu-

tion in the vicinity of certain firing lines. 3. An inadequate supply even for sale in certain theatres of activity. I. A congestion of secretaries in some

of the large cities and a noticeable

shortage in certain portions of the 5. A disposition on the part of certain of the workers to assume that the life of a soldier was necessarily demoralizing, thus alienating the sym-

pathy of the soldiers. 5. Lack of spontaneity on the part of some of the secretaries and that some of them loafed on the job.

What Investigator Found.

Chaplain Edrop prefaced his find ngs on the six general complaints with a statement referring to the many testimonials, verbal and written, that had come to him of the work performed by the Y. M. C. A. officials. On the complaints the chaplain reported that his investigation had elic

S. Anchiaes, Liverpool, Fee, D. Sa Gen, W. C. Gorgas, Brest, Dec. 11, Sa Samiand, Havre, Dec. 12, Sa City of Newcastle, Hull, Dec. 13, Sa Le Cou, Plymouth, Die 12, Sa Luctian, Plymouth, Dec. 12, Sa Luctian, Plymouth, Dec. 12, Sa Lake Ledan, New Orleans, Dec. 20, Sa Lake ited the following: was the subject of a War Department investigation and would be This assurance he raported, was from Third Assistant Secretary Keppel. Chaplain Edrop said that a scale of prices had been adopted to meet the prices fixed by the Quartermaster's Department, but that the soldiers still persisted that charges were exorbitant and at

variance with the army prices.

2. That the figures of free distribution of checelate and cigarettes and other comforts appeared to controvert the soldiers' statement, but that he would recommend an investiontion through the Inspector-General's Department of this complaint. Same action recommended as in the

foregoing complaint. 4. Chaplain Edrop found that this complaint had been voiced so frequently that the records should be crutinized and be made the subject of an immediate report.

Soldiers Have Made New Record. ment as a Deputy Commissioner. But 5, Of this complaint Chaplain Edropwrote: "This strikes right at the heart of the soldler's own attitudtoward organizations like the Y. M. C. A. It is underhable that many persons once assumed that the soldier was different from the civilian and that he was hopelessly tempted But our men abread have belied the old assumption and have written a new record into the history of so diering. Some of the soldiers to whom I have talked resented the manner and the method of certain Y. M. C. A. secretaries. I can only recommended that the Y. M. C. secretaries be instructed to lay emphasis upon the new tradition created by our men of the A. E. F., rather than upon the old assump-

6. If an organization within the Y. M. C. A. could be effected similar to that of the army Inspector-General's Department it would be possible to weed out shirkers Perhaps you we such an organization abroad venture the suggestion in case

there is none.

NEW OBJECTIONS TO HEARST.

pointment of William Randelph Hearst on the Mayor's committee to welcome homecoming troops. At a meeting of I hurst here and there and he down as their hus and Roosevelt Quits Hospital To-day. Fifty-first street station. Mrs. Dug-last minute.

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The Sun Calendar.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE. THE WEATHER MINIATURE ALMANAC. United States Coast and Geodetic Survey-Standard Time.

HIGH WATER THIS DAY,

ARRIVALS-TUESDAY, DEC. 24.

ARRIVED FROM NEW YORK

SAILED FOR NEW YORK

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.

Sall To-day.

Sail To-morrow.

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INCOMING STEAMSHIPS

Due To-day

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So United States Christiansand, Dec 17.

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Se Benledt, at Gibrillar. Se Santa Teresa, at Bordeaux. Se Crosby Hall, at Port Said. Se Rangoon Maru, at St. Nazulis. Se Swerte, at Namics. Se Samarinda, at Havre.

Ss Bovic, from Avonmouth.
Ss Wells City, from Bristol.
Ss Muskegee, from Guen,
Ss Kerry Renge, from Gibraltar.
Ss Polar Sea, from Barry Roads.

Sandy Hook. 1:06 A M Gov. Island. 2:34 P M Hell Gate 5:49 P M LOW WATER THIS DAY. and increasing to strong.

For New Jersey, rain to-day, fellowed by clearing and colder in the afternoon este-night; fair and colder to morrow moderate to fresh shifting winds becoming west and northwest and moderately strong. For northern New England, enow in interior, snow or rain on the coast to-day colder and probably fair to-morrow. Desire to strong east to southeast winds, becoming west during to-night.

For southern New England, rain to-day colder and probably fair to-morrow fresh to strong east to southeast winds, becoming to strong east to southern sweet during to-night.

For western New York, show and colder to-day, probably fair to-morrow fresh to attong shifting winds to-night, becoming northwest. ARRIVALS—TUESDAY, DEC. 24.

**a France, Brest, Dec. 17.

**a Cornella, Rochefort, Dec. 2.

**a Justin, Gibraitar, Dec. 5.

**s Manchurian Prince, St. Nasaire, Dec. 17.

**s Pequot, Gibraitar, Dec. 18.

**s Northern, Cerdiff, Dec. 18.

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**se Parsis Maru, Brest, Dec. 12.

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**se Lake Wilson, Cristobal, Dec. 18.

**se Cantidan Bora, Buenca Ayres, Nov. 7.

**se Lake Wilson, Cristobal, Dec. 18.

**se Marco, Havena, Dec. 25.

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**se Northern, New Orleans, Dec. 18.

**se Commus, New Orleans, Dec. 18.

**se City of Montgomery, Savannah, Dec. 38.

**se Princess Anne, Norfolk, Dec. 38.

**ship Karmo, Rossand, Axim, Oct. 4.

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**Arrived From New YOLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The south western disturbance of Monday has more to Lake Erie with increased intensity and there is also a secondary disturbance of New Jersey. The precipitation area attending the disturbance during life is it wanty-four hours covers with ally the situation of the Rocky Moutains except the stream Northwest and in portions of the upper lake region. In the upper Manasippi and lower Missouri valleys there were quite heavy snows. West of the Rock Mountains the weather was fair, with serial high pressure that also covers the paints States. Tomperatures are rise again in the extreme Northwest, with the management of the Rock Mountains the weather was fair, with the management of the Rock Mountains the weather was fair, with the management of the Missouries of the Missouries and the lake region they have failed a special the Mississippi and lower (the Missis average west of the Miss-cept in the extreme North be snow Wednesday in and the upper Ohio Valle England and the north middle Atlantic district, weather Thursday except per lake region it will

Observations at United States We ther Burnstations taken at S P. M. yesterning sevent afth meridian time: Tem

Bismarck Galvestor New Orleans iklahoma Cit Due To-day

Se Lawis K. Thurlow, St. Nazaire, Dec. 5.

Se Mar Mediterraneo, Barcelona, Nav. 20.

St Liberator, Bordeaux, Dec. 6.

St Arlemis, Christiania, Dec. 5.

Shoshone, Verdon, Dec. 6.

St Horland, Gotherburg, Dec. 6.

St Horland, Gotherburg, Dec. 7.

St Fred W. Weller, New Orleans, Dec. 18.

Se Clan Rennedy, Cardiff, Dec. 8.

Se Clan Rennedy, Cardiff, Dec. 18.

Se Clan Rennedy, Cardiff, Dec. 19.

Se Morristown, Paulliac, Dec. 19.

Se Melroes, Barry, Dec. 19.

Se Marain, Bordeaux, Dec. 19.

Se Garfield, Cristobal Dec. 14.

Se Collingham, Hayre, Dec. 19.

Se Wallace, Hawro, Dec. 19.

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Due Te-morrow. Washington

TREE OF LIGHT FETE POSTPONED BY RAIN Band Shows Up, but Almost

Nobody Else Does. The Edison Company and the part by district somers on the Sixty-ninth Regiment Ar. Club 178 lines are

mory acted right up to schedule in the

Madison Square last night, but whing else did. Nobody around the Sentence of Lieutenant for Vouchet Atlantic scaboard needs to be told how abominably the Weather Man fooglen! he job, and of course with the sides weeping hogsheads of the wettest kind tenent in the Twentonian of water, the w. s. New York growth when that unit was wasn't enthusiastic about gathering. Toward 6 P. M. , few discouraged Judge John & Knox is unbrellas bobied un erfurit un to present the entre of he stand that had been erected for the ling guilty to befrauding tand and community source, and ment. After being obwould happen. Bereath the umbrel-las brave singers talked hoursely of the chances of the weather clearing. Sistant United States Atta The band was there, with instruments position of sentence was poother organizations and individuals done snugly up in olicitic covers and Inchary 7. Mr. dovec see Two thousand five hundred children last night that both the wholesaler and noon, which caused the figures to be who have protested against the ap-The little party havered under the and he who had be such roof of the stand, which being converg, then, sugged under the wolch of the cam till. Two women class:

the following resolution was adopted: But besides the few on the stand there Cordill says he does "Resolved. That we learned with re- were none to see. Even the habitual marrying the St great of the appointment of William bench dwellers had sought what cover asserts be is a set Randelph Hearst as a member of the they might. So the guardian police gressman and is a great committee to welcome the men of the man informed the band that it might University of Tannasa

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EVENTS TO DAY

nergan. Newport. England Usec 14, salones Avonmouth Dec 12, sent Machamet. Crasselan Deu 20.

The Sunday Stron. London. Dec 15 itshola. Hordeaux. Males 15 itshola. Hordeaux. Ho

matter of the Tree of Light celebration. TWO WIVES CLAIM OF TUER

Stephen H. Corona v. f.

rvice returning from abroad; and, as well go home, and if it stops raining in the army in 1913 do nal Zone in June 1917.